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Pennsylvania Hog & Pig Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA. June 28, 2010- - There were 1,150,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on June 1, 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This estimated inventory was 30,000 head or 2.7 percent more than the March 2010 inventory, and unchanged from the June 2009 inventory.

Market hog inventory, at 1,050,000 head, increased 25,000 head since March; while breeding stock inventory, at 100,000 head, was up 5,000 head from March and 10,000 head above last June. The March -May 2010 pig crop totaled 470,000 head, up 60,000 head from a year earlier, and up 14,000 head from the December 2009 -February 2010 pig crop. There were 48,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 6,000 more than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average litter rate was 9.80 pigs saved per litter, up 0.10 pig per litter from March, and up 0.05 pig from the 9.75 pigs per litter in June the previous year.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 49,000 sows farrow during the June-August 2010 period, 7,000 more than actually farrowed during the same time period a year ago; and 49,000 sows farrow during the September-November 2010 quarter, 3,000 more than actually farrowed in the September-November period one year ago.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010, was 64.4 million head. This was down 4 percent from June 1, 2009, but up 1 percent from March 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.6 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2010 U.S. pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down 3 percent from 2009, and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 5 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.81 for the March-May 2010 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the June-August 2010 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009, and down 6 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for September-November 2010, at 2.90 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, down from 46 percent last year.

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